## The Household Recycling Guide: What Can and Can't be Recycled

## NO **Container Recycling:** The Red Bin ONLY containers smaller than 2.5 gallons are recyclable. Styrofoam (expanded polystyrene) of any kind (peanuts, molded, trays, etc.) Bags of any kind (grocery, sandwich, frozen food pouches, etc.) Bottles which held hazardous material (e.g. motor oil, antifreeze, pesticide, pool chemicals Food containers (such as margarine, vogurt, cooking oil, condiments, Cartons/trays, including "clamshell" type (used for take-out & berries) peanut butter) Cups, plates, utensils, straws, Nalgene water bottles Beverage bottles & jugs (soda, water, juice, milk) Wrap/sheeting (e.g. dry cleaner sheeting) & liners from food packaging Furniture & toys, packaging material from toys & electronics Personal care bottles (shampoo, soap, conditioner, etc.) Bins, baskets, pails, buckets & trays Detergent bottles Meat trays, egg cartons **Plastic** Medicine/pill bottles, VCR, CD & DVD cases Empty & rinse. Discard caps & lids in trash. Swimming pools, flower pots, black plastic, hoses, PVC piping/tubing, tarps Plumbing material/pipes Food & beverage cans, pet food cans Hangers, scrap metal, toys Steel (tin) Aerosol spray cans, paint cans Pots & pans, appliances Empty & rinse. Labels do not need to be removed. Car parts, fuel tanks Ceramics, dishware, coffee mugs Light bulbs, fluorescent lights Food & beverage bottles & jars Baking dishes & cookware (e.g. Pyrex) Windows, mirrors, plate glass Glass Drinking glasses, vases Eye glasses, glass art Empty & rinse. Discard lids in trash. Labels do not need to be removed. Medicine bottles Cans, pie & roasting pans, foil wrap Siding Aluminum Empty & rinse. OK to flatten. Foil-wrapped beverage pouches

## **Paper Recycling:** The Blue Bin

Cartons -

YES

NO

Newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail White, colored, glossy & construction paper Shredded paper (place in a paper bag)

Milk & juice cartons; soymilk, soup & drink boxes

Empty, rinse, & flatten. Remove plastic straws.

Corrugated cardboard, **clean** pizza boxes (no grease or food) Boxboard (such as cereal, pasta, cracker & nasal tissue boxes)

Gift wrap, gift bags, cards (no metallic embossing or foil)

Phone & paperback books, spiral-bound notebooks, hanging file folders

Clean paper only. Flatten boxes. Windows" in envelopes, staples, paper clips, tape OK. Dirtied paper (pet waste, paint)

Soda, beer, egg, & frozen juice cartons

Frozen food packaging, plastic straws

Take-out containers, paper towels, napkins, cups

Foil-wrapped beverage pouches, frozen juice cartons

Butter & margarine boxes

Glossy boxes that show white strands when torn (frozen food boxes)

Tissues & tissue paper

Hardcover books

Tyvek or padded envelopes

Stickers & sticker sheeting

Copy paper packaging

Blueprints